(vi) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving unresolved problems;

(vii) setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries/Departments to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns;

(viii) appointment of nodal officers for each project with continuity of tenure; and

(ix) issue of guidelines on standard bidding documents for adoption.

Urban local bodies

750. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Bank Report released during January, 2008 has revealed that most of the urban local bodies like municipalities are not people-centric in their approach to deliver municipal services and suffer from improper staffing and lack of standardization;

(b) if so, whether Urban Local Bodies require a review especially when massive budgetary allocation under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) would be available; and

(c) the steps taken to ensure that JNNURM scheme is fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) The World Bank document titled "Synthesis Study of Public Financial Management & Accountability in Urban Local Bodies" released on 15.1.2008 identifies improved financial management & accountability environment as crucial to better urban governance and performance. *Inter-alia*, it recommends revision of existing staffing, practices and building capacity of municipal staff.

(b) and (c) To ensure successful implementation of Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), a framework for capacity building including setting up of Project Management Units (PMUs) and Project Implementation Units (PIUs) at State and ULB level respectively and training programmes for Urban Local Body (ULB) officials and elected representatives has been put in place.

Assessment of JNNURM

†751. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had implemented Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for the development of urban areas in the country;

(b) if so, the cities chosen for implementation of this scheme and when the scheme was started;

(c) whether Government has also made an assessment of the implementation of this scheme till now; and

(d) if so, the comprehensive details of the assessment?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.